



# South Korean President urges talks with Japan

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*On the anniversary of Japan's World War Two surrender, South Korea's president on Thursday (August 15)*

*urged Japan to contemplate its wartime past and offered to engage in talks to repair strained ties, while Japan pledged to never repeat the horrors of war.*

1. On the anniversary of Japan's World War Two surrender, South Korea's President \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2-1. The two sides are locked \_\_\_\_\_  
2-2. a diplomatic trade dispute \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-1. But \_\_\_\_\_  
3-2. president Moon Jae-in said that Seoul would join hands with Tokyo \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. It marks a softer approach from South Korea's leader \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. That, however, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-1. Thousands of protesters marched \_\_\_\_\_  
6-2. a day that also marked Korea's independence \_\_\_\_\_
7. Among them - former forced laborers \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8-1. Japan's colonization of Korea \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8-2. and last year South Korea's Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Tokyo refused and said \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-1. Ties started to deteriorate and \_\_\_\_\_  
10-2. when Japan \_\_\_\_\_  
10-3. prompting Seoul \_\_\_\_\_
11. At a ceremony in Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. But he also sent an offering \_\_\_\_\_

13-1. Past visits by Japanese leaders \_\_\_\_\_

13-2. because the shrine honors Japanese wartime leaders - \_\_\_\_\_

**[Vocabulary]**

- surrender:** the act of saying officially that you have been defeated and will stop fighting
  - *the surrender of the rebel gunmen*
  - *a declaration of unconditional surrender*
- olive branch:** something offered to an adversary in the hope of obtaining peace; if you offer an olive branch to someone, you say or do something in order to show that you want to end a disagreement or quarrel.
  - *It was an olive branch that Jimmy said he was sorry.*
- lock in:** to place in a place where something cannot be removed or someone cannot escape
  - *She went to her hotel room and locked herself in.*
- televis:** to broadcast (something, such as a baseball game) by television
- televised:** If an event or programme is televised, it is broadcast so that it can be seen on television.
  - *The prime minister said in a televised speech that he will do anything in his power to restore public confidence in politics.*
  - *The race will be televised by the BBC.*
- address:** a formal speech given by someone to a group of people, especially as part of an important occasion
  - *The president is to deliver a televised address to the nation.*
- approach:** the action of starting to speak or write to someone when you are asking for something or making an offer
  - *The company has made some approaches to the Department of Commerce.*
- mark:** to be an important or typical feature of someone or something
  - *Public gatherings were generally marked by restraint and control.*
- ebb:** a period when something gradually becomes smaller or less
  - *an apparent ebb in the fighting*
- low ebb:** A state of decline.
  - *The economy is at a low ebb with no hope of recovery in the near future.*
- sentiment:** a belief or an attitude toward something
- rally:** a public meeting that a lot of people go to in order to support someone or something or to protest against someone or something
- colonial:** relating to a system or period in which one country rules another
- at the heart of:** at the center of; at the core of
  - *At the heart of this theory is imagination.*
- bitter:** involving very angry feelings
  - *a bitter dispute/divorce case*
- bitter trade fight:**
- colonization:** the act of colonizing; the establishment of colonies

• *"The British colonization of America"*

□ **compensate**: to pay someone money because they have suffered an injury or loss

• *The moving is canceled and we'll compensate you.*

• *They were unlikely to be compensated for the damage to the house.*

□ **ties**: A thing that unites or links people

• *It is important that we keep family ties strong.*

□ **chill**: A depressing influence

• *'His statements have cast a chill over this whole country.'*

□ **fast-track**: a way of achieving something more quickly than usual

□ **fast-track trade status**:

□ **prompt**: to cause something to happen or be done

• *The birth of my first child prompted me to write this article.*

□ **retaliate**: to do something harmful or unpleasant to someone because they have done something harmful or unpleasant to you

• *Militant students hurled firebombs and riot police retaliated with tear gas.*

□ **pledge**: to promise seriously and publicly to do something

• *The President has pledged that improving the economy will be his top priority.*

□ **devastation**: damage or destruction affecting a large area or a lot of people

• *A huge bomb blast brought chaos and devastation to the city yesterday.*

□ **offering**: something that people give as a present to God

• *'fees for offering a branch of the sacred tree to a god'*

□ **controversial**: marked by or capable of arousing controversy; sometimes used about a person, especially a person in public life

• *The issue of the death penalty is highly controversial.*

□ **stir**: to make someone feel upset or angry

• *The latest economic figures have stirred fears of growing inflation.*

• *This murder has stirred a lot of ill feeling in the community.*

□ **outrage**: a strong feeling of anger and shock at something that you feel is wrong or unfair; an event or action that makes you feel extremely angry and upset

• *There was outrage in his voice.*

• *The workers expressed their outrage over the pay decrease.*

□ **honor**: to show your respect or admiration for someone, especially by giving them a prize or title, or by praising them publicly

• *We are here today to honor the men and women who gave their lives for their country.*

□ **convicted**: proved to be guilty of a crime by a court of law

• *a convicted killer/murderer/rapist*

□ **war criminal**: an offender who violates international law during times of war

• *He was a Nazi war criminal.*